venues as Training (Practice) venues. After obtaining the necessary regulatory clearances, the work at most venues has commenced. These are being regularly monitored on a web-based monitoring system.

Assistance to sportspersons in NER

2011. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance from the Rashtriya Kalyan Kosh to sportspersons in North East Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof of the assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the criteria fixed for providing assistance from the Kosh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) Sportspersons, living in indigent circumstances, including those belonging to North East Region are eligible to apply for assistance under the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(b) State-wise details of financial assistance given to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances, including existing and fresh cases, are given below:—

Name of State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (till date)
Andhra Pradesh	4	4	4	4
Delhi	1	1	1	1
Karnataka	7	7	6	6
Kerala	5	5	5	5
Orissa	4	4	3	3
Punjab	3	3	3	3
Maharashtra	2	1	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	1	1	1
Tamil Nadu	1	0	0	0
West Bengal	13	12	12	10
	41	38	36	34

(c) Any sportsperson whose annual income is less than Rs. 2 lakh per annum from all sources is eligible to receive pension for the period approved by the committee constituted under the Scheme. The definition of sportsperson under the scheme covers those who took part in competitive sports at National Level (Senior, Junior or Sub-Junior) and achieved a position

within first 3 in individual events or within first 2 in team events in a recognized National Championship, or have represented the country at least twice in an International Competition. The Scheme also provides for assistance to sportspersons injured or incapacitated during training or competition. The persons desirous of availing themselves of financial assistance under this scheme are required to apply to the Ministry. The applications received for such assistance are considered by a committee headed by the Sports Minister.

Budget for NER on sports

2012. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not granting, Budget for the development of NER during 2007-08;

(b) the reasons for not releasing the balance grant to grantee after submission documents, in respect of organization during the past five years;

(c) whether the National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development under umbrella scheme has been formulated for Youth Development/upliftment in the country;

(d) if so, the grant released to organizations;

(e) if not, the reasons for delay;

(f) the total Revised Estimate Budget according to ten per cent budget earmarked to NER and whether it was utilized;

(g) the details for last five years; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) The details of budget provisions for the development of NER during 2007-08 were as under:—

Budget Estimates	:	Rs. 69.25 crore
Revised Estimates	:	Rs. 68.25 crore

(b) The request for payment of balance Grant-in-aid is considered only within 12 months from the date of sanction letter or six months from the date of actual completion of the programmes, whichever is earlier, as per the terms and conditions of the sanction letter and on submission of the following documents namely:—

(i) Performance report indicating physical and financial target and achievements;

(ii) List of participants giving their name, Father/Husband name, age, complete permanent residential address, qualification, student/non-student and their category "SC/ST/OBC/Genl.";

(iii) Audited Statement of income and expenditure, and audited Statement of receipt and payment, balance sheet;